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## Smithsonian Libraries Research Opportunities 2018-2019

The Smithsonian Libraries, situated at the center of the world's largest museum complex, is a vital part of the research, exhibition, and educational enterprise of the Institution. The Libraries offers exceptional research resources ranging from 13th-century manuscripts to electronic journals. We are happy to offer the following fellowship opportunities for the 2018-2019 academic year.

The [Baird Society Resident Scholar Program](#): \$3,500 per month for up to six months to support scholarly research in the Special Collections of the Smithsonian Libraries in Washington, D.C. and New York, NY, in an extensive range of subject areas. Doctoral students, post-doctoral and independent scholars are welcome to apply. Collections include printed materials on world's fairs; manufacturer's commercial trade catalogs from the 19th and 20th centuries; natural history rare books (pre-1840 works on topics such as botany, zoology, travel & exploration, museums & collecting, geology, and anthropology); air and space history (late 18th to early 20th centuries); James Smithson's library; rare materials in European and American decorative arts, architecture, and design (18th to 20th centuries); and history of art and artists (exhibition catalogs, catalogues raisonnés, serials, dissertations and artists' ephemera).

The [Dibner Library Resident Scholar Program](#): \$3,500 per month for up to six months to support scholarly research in the Special Collections of the Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology in Washington, D.C. Doctoral students, post-doctoral and independent scholars are welcome to apply. The Dibner Library has manuscripts and rare books dating primarily from the 15th to the 19th centuries. Collection strengths are in the fields of mathematics, astronomy, classical natural philosophy, theoretical physics (up to the early 20th century), experimental physics (especially electricity and magnetism), engineering technology (from the Renaissance to the late nineteenth century), and scientific apparatus and instruments.

The [Margaret Henry Dabney Penick Resident Scholar Program](#): \$30,000 for six consecutive months to support scholarly research into the legacy of Patrick Henry and his political circle, the early political history of Virginia, the history of the American Revolution, founding era ideas and policy-making, as well as science, technology, and culture in colonial America and the Early National Period. Available to post-doctoral scholars only. Senior scholars are particularly encouraged to apply.

The deadline for all programs is **January 15, 2018** for appointments between **September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019**. Fellowship recipients are expected to be in residence during their appointments. For further information about the Smithsonian Libraries' Resident Scholar Programs listed above, including application information, please visit our web site: <http://library.si.edu/fellowships>. For additional questions, email [SILResidentScholars@si.edu](mailto:SILResidentScholars@si.edu) or call [202-633-3872](tel:202-633-3872).

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